

FINDING RECORDS OF YOUR ANCESTORS



# SCOTLAND

## 1855 TO 1901



If your ancestor lived in Scotland between 1855 and 1901, follow the steps in this guide to find the records of his or her family. These instructions will show you which records to search, what to look for, and what tools to use.



# THE RESEARCH PROCESS

## Overview

Follow these steps to find all members of the family (parents and children) of your ancestor who lived in Scotland between 1855 and 1901:

1. Find information about your ancestor's birthplace and parents' names in:
  - A. Marriage or death certificates in civil registration records.
  - B. Census records.
2. Find your ancestor's birth certificate in civil registration records.
3. Find your ancestor with his or her parents and brothers and sisters in census records.
4. Find the marriage certificate for your ancestor's parents in civil registration records.

How to use this booklet:

- *The Research Process*: To see how the process works, review the example on pages 3–11.
- *Finding Places*: To learn more about place names in Scotland, see pages 13–15.
- *Records*: As you follow each step of the research process, go to pages 16–21 to learn about the record you are searching.
- *Additional Helps*: For more information about researching Scottish records, see pages 22–23.

When you have found all members of a family, use the process to find another family. Search for the husband's or wife's parents and siblings.

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## How to Begin

Before beginning your research, it is important that you gather all the family information you can about your ancestor. You may find this information in your home, in your parents' home, and from any other living family members. Also check the Internet to see if others have researched your Scottish family. Here are some Web sites to start with:

- **FamilySearch** ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)) is the official family history Internet site of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Access to information on this site is free.
- **RootsWeb** ([www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)) is a free site. Click **Family Trees** to search for your ancestor's name.
- **Ancestry.com** ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)) is the largest commercial family history site. Access to the Ancestry World Tree is free, but a fee is required to access other information on the site.
- **OneGreatFamily** ([www.onegreatfamily.com](http://www.onegreatfamily.com)) charges for most of its services. However, you may be able to perform a free trial search for your ancestors.
- **Genes Reunited** ([www.genesreunited.com](http://www.genesreunited.com)) is a family history site in the United Kingdom. A fee is required to view pedigree charts.

Record the information you find on family group records and a pedigree chart or in a family history software program. For example, you can download Personal Ancestral File 5.2 without cost from [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).

From your pedigree chart, choose an ancestor who was married or died in Scotland between 1855 and 1901. You must know at least the approximate date and place of the marriage or death of this ancestor. It is helpful to know the name of your ancestor's husband or wife.

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## Example

Using the Internet is the fastest and easiest way to find Scottish records. The following pages walk you through this process, using as an example the steps Bridget takes to find the family of her ancestor Thomas Selcraig. Follow these same steps to find your ancestor's family.

Notice in the example that Bridget has listed what she knows about Thomas Selcraig and his spouse, Helen Wilson, on a pedigree chart. She has started a family group record with Thomas Selcraig listed as a child.

### Tips

If you don't know your ancestor's marriage or death information:

- Start with a more recent generation. You will learn how to do research, and you will probably discover something you didn't know about your family.
- Find the records for the family in the example. This will teach you basic research skills before you search for your own family.

Example: Thomas Selcraig, married in 1891 in Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland. He was married to Helen Wilson.

Your ancestor: \_\_\_\_\_, married on \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
*name marriage date parish county*

Scotland. He or she was married to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*spouse's name*

**Pedigree Chart** Chart no. \_\_\_\_\_

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_

Mark boxes when ordinances are completed.

<input type="checkbox"/> Baptized
<input type="checkbox"/> Endowed
<input type="checkbox"/> Sealed to parents
<input type="checkbox"/> Sealed to spouse
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Group Record exists for this couple
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's ordinances completed

1. **Thomas Selcraig** (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

2. (Father) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

3. (Mother) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

4. (Father of no. 3) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

5. (Mother of no. 3) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

6. (Father of no. 5) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

7. (Mother of no. 5) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

8. (Father of no. 6) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

9. (Mother of no. 6) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

10. (Father of no. 7) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

11. (Mother of no. 7) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

12. (Father of no. 8) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

13. (Mother of no. 8) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

14. (Father of no. 9) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

15. (Mother of no. 9) \_\_\_\_\_

When born \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ Date prepared \_\_\_\_\_

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Bridget begins a pedigree chart with Thomas Selcraig listed first.

**Family Group Record** If typing, set spacing at 1 1/2. Page \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Write case as: 4 Oct. 1891

Write place as: *Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland, USA or Scotland, Scotland, Scotland, Scotland*

**Husband** (Given name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Born (day month year) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ LDS ordinance dates \_\_\_\_\_ Temple \_\_\_\_\_

Christened \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Baptized \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Endowed \_\_\_\_\_

Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Sealed to parents \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Sealed to spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's father (Given name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Deceased

Husband's mother (Given name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Deceased

**Wife** (Given name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Born (day month year) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ LDS ordinance dates \_\_\_\_\_ Temple \_\_\_\_\_

Christened \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Baptized \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Endowed \_\_\_\_\_

Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Sealed to parents \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Sealed to spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's father (Given name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Deceased

Wife's mother (Given name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Deceased

**Children** List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth. LDS ordinance dates \_\_\_\_\_ Temple \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Thomas** (Given name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_ Last name *Selcraig* ☐ See "Other marriages"

Born (day month year) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Baptized \_\_\_\_\_

Christened \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Endowed \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Sealed to parents \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (Given name(s)) *Helen* Last name *Wilson*

Married *Apr. 1891* Place *Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland* Sealed to spouse \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Given name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ See "Other marriages"

Born (day month year) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Baptized \_\_\_\_\_

Christened \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Endowed \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Sealed to parents \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (Given name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Sealed to spouse \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Given name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ See "Other marriages"

Born (day month year) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Baptized \_\_\_\_\_

Christened \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Endowed \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Sealed to parents \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (Given name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Sealed to spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Select **only one** of the following options. The option you select applies to all names on this form. The option you select applies to all names on this form.

☐ **Option 1—Family File** Send all names to my family file at the \_\_\_\_\_ Temple.

☐ **Option 2—Temple File** Send all names to any temple, and assign process for all approved ordinances.

☐ **Option 3—Ancestral File** Send all names to the computerized Ancestral File for research purposes only, not for ordinances. I am including the required pedigree chart.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date prepared \_\_\_\_\_

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Bridget begins a family group record with Thomas Selcraig listed as a child.

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## Example

### 1. Find information about your ancestor's birthplace and parents' names.

#### CIVIL REGISTRATION (See pages 20–21.)

- To find information on Thomas's parents, Bridget searches for the marriage record of Thomas and his wife, Helen.
- On the Internet, Bridget goes to [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk). This site indexes the births, marriages, and deaths in Scotland from 1855 to the early 1900s. Bridget registers on the site, which requires a fee. She then chooses to search the Statutory Registers of Marriages from 1855 to 1932 for a marriage of Thomas Selcraig to Helen Wilson. Once she finds the entry in the index, she views the image of the certificate and prints a copy of it. (If she could not find the marriage record, she could have searched for Thomas's death certificate on the same Web site. Death records also give parents' names.)
- The marriage record shows that Thomas and Helen were married on December 30, 1891. However, Bridget notices that the last column of the record shows that the marriage was registered on January 4, 1891. This may indicate that the marriage date is incorrect. Bridget makes a note to verify this information on other records.
- Bridget records Thomas's and Helen's marriage information, ages, and parents' names, along with the source information (such as the Web site, type of document, year, page number, and entry number). Bridget also notes the occupations and residence listed in the record. She finds that Thomas was married in the St. Andrew District. This will help her search other civil registration records later.

No	Year	Surname (M)	Forename (M)	Surname (F)	Forename (F)	District	City/County/MR	GROS Data	Image	Extract
1	1891	SELCRAIG	THOMAS	WILSON	HELEN A	ST ANDREW	EDINBURGH CITY/MIDLOTHIAN	685/02 0012	<a href="#">VIEW (PAID)</a>	<a href="#">ORDER</a>

1891 index of marriage records for Thomas Selcraig (used with permission from the registrar general for Scotland)

Marriage date		Names		Address		Parents	
(Page 6)							
91. MARRIAGES in the District of St. Andrew in the Parish of Edinburgh							
No.	When, Where, and How Married.	Signatures of Parties. Rank or Profession, Whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signatures of officiating Minister and Witnesses. If irregular, Date of Conviction, Decree of Declarator, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
12	1891. on the Thirtieth day of December at St. James Square Edinburgh	<i>Thomas Selcraig</i> <i>Helen Wilson</i> Bachelor	24	14 Glen Hill Edinburgh	<i>Thomas Selcraig</i> <i>Paula Matheson</i> <i>Agnes Selcraig</i> <i>Miss Edwards</i>	<i>W.H. Gray W.D.</i> <i>Miss Selcraig</i> <i>Miss Edwards</i>	1891. January 4 At Edinburgh
	<i>Miss Pauline Wilson</i> <i>Recorded by the Secretary of the Council of Scotland</i>	<i>Helen A. Wilson</i> <i>Domestic Servant</i> <i>Spencer</i>	22	14 Glen Hill Edinburgh	<i>Thomas Wilson</i> <i>James Watt-Hopson</i> <i>Marion Wilson</i> <i>Miss Adams</i>	<i>Chas. Campbell</i> <i>Wilson</i> <i>Diana Watt-Hopson</i> <i>Victoria</i>	<i>Miss Wilson</i> Registrar.

Marriage certificate of Thomas Selcraig and Helen Wilson



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## Example

### CENSUS (See pages 17–18.)

- A. Bridget looks for census records next, because the census will list a birthplace. She wants to look at the first census taken after Thomas's marriage. She looks first in the 1891 census, since the marriage certificate shows the marriage was registered at the beginning of 1891. On scotlandspeople.gov.uk, Bridget performs a search and locates Thomas in district/parish number 685/2 and enumeration district 13.
- B. Bridget prints out a copy of the census image. It shows that Thomas and Helen were married at the time of the 1891 census. This leads her to believe that the marriage date on the marriage certificate (December 30, 1891) is probably incorrect. On her records she changes the marriage date to December 30, 1890.
- C. Bridget records the following information: (1) Thomas's place of birth and an estimated birth year (which she figures by subtracting his age from the year of the census), (2) Helen's place of birth and an estimated birth year, (3) Thomas's and Helen's occupations and street address, and (4) the source information.

No	Year	Surname	Forename	Sex	Age	District	City/County	GROS Data	Image	Extract
1	1891	SELBIE	THOMAS	M	20	ST ANDREW	DUNDEE CITY/ANGUS	282/04 035/04 008	<a href="#">VIEW (5 CREDITS)</a>	<a href="#">ORDER</a>
2	1891	SELCRAIG	THOMAS	M	24	ST ANDREW	EDINBURGH CITY/MIDLOTHIAN	685/02 013/02 020	<a href="#">VIEW (PAID)</a>	<a href="#">ORDER</a>

Index for 1891 census (used with permission from the registrar general for Scotland)

Address		Name		Age	Occupation	Where born						
Page 20]		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										
Civil Parish of <i>South Leith</i>		<del>Quoad Sacra Parish of</del>		School Board District of <i>Edinburgh</i>		Parliamentary Burgh of <i>Edinburgh</i>		Parliamentary Division of <i>No 1 The East Division</i>				
Municipal Burgh of <i>Edinburgh</i>		<del>Police Burgh of</del>		Burgh Ward of <i>No 1 The Colinton Ward</i>		<del>Town of</del>		<del>Village or Hamlet of</del>				
No. of Schedule.	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE.	HOUSES. In- habited. (U.) or Building (B.)		NAME and Surname of each Person.	RELATION to Head of Family.	CONDITION as to Marriage.	AGE [last Birthday] Males. Females	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION.	Employer.	Employed.	Neither Em- ployer nor Employed, but working on own account.	WHERE BORN.
<i>1074</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>Thomas Selcraig</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Hotel Books</i>		<i>X</i>		<i>Edinburgh</i>
				<i>Nellie DO</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>DO</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Cook (Domestic Serv)</i>		<i>X</i>		<i>Midlothian Roswell Burnside</i>

1891 census entry for Thomas Selcraig and his wife, Helen (Nellie)

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### 2. Find your ancestor's birth record in civil registration.

(See "Civil Registration: Birth" on page 19.)

- A. Bridget now looks for the birth certificate for Thomas Selcraig. Based on what she found in step 1, she has estimated his birth year to be about 1867, and she knows from the census that he was born in Edinburgh. On [scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://scotlandspeople.gov.uk), Bridget searches the Statutory Registers of birth, 1855 to 2006. She does not find a Thomas Selcraig in 1867, but she finds two people by that name in 1866. One was born in St. Andrew District, and the other was born in St. George District. Bridget looks at both certificates.

No	Year	Surname	Forename	Sex	District	City/County/MR	GROS Data	Image	Extract
1	1866	SELCRAIG	THOMAS	M	ST ANDREW	EDINBURGH CITY/MIDLOTHIAN	685/02 0608	<a href="#">VIEW (PAID)</a>	<a href="#">ORDER</a>
2	1866	SELCRAIG	THOMAS	M	ST GEORGE	EDINBURGH CITY/MIDLOTHIAN	685/01 1263	<a href="#">VIEW (5 CREDITS)</a>	<a href="#">ORDER</a>

1866 index of births for Thomas Selcraig (used with permission from the registrar general for Scotland)

- B. Bridget determines that the certificate registered in St. Andrew is for her ancestor because the parents are the same as those listed on his marriage certificate.
- C. Bridget records the following information: (1) complete birth information for Thomas, (2) his parents' marriage information, (3) his father's occupation, and (4) source information.

Name		Birth date and place		Parents' names, occupation, and marriage date and place			
Page 203.							
1866. BIRTHS in the District of St Andrew in the Burgh of Edinburgh							
No.	Name and Surname.	When and Where Born.	Sex.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother. Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.	
608	Thomas Selcraig	1866 July Twenty seventh 3 to 5 am AM 10 Calton hill Edinburgh	M	Thomas Selcraig Peter Porter General Post Office Edinburgh Agnes Selcraig Mr. S. Edwards 1862 June 1st Edinburgh	Thomas Selcraig Father Resident	1866 August 13th St Andrew Burgh Registrar C. W. M.	

Birth certificate for Thomas Selcraig

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## Example

### 3. Find your ancestor with his or her parents and brothers and sisters in census records. (See "Census" on pages 17–18.)

- A. Bridget looks for Thomas and his parents in the 1871 census because it was the first census after Thomas's birth. On [scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://scotlandspeople.gov.uk), Bridget searches for *Thomas Selcraig*, born in 1866, but this does not bring up any matches. Because *Selcraig* may have been spelled in different ways in the index, Bridget searches for *Thomas Sel\** born in 1866. This brings up all Thomases whose surnames begin with *Sel*. She finds Thomas's family listed with the surname *Seleraif*. She prints a copy of the census page.

Address		Name		Age	Occupation	Where born					
* Civil Parish of <i>banongalo</i>	Quoad sacra Parish of	Parliamentary Burgh of <i>Edinburgh</i>	Royal Burgh of <i>Edinburgh</i>	Police Burgh of <i>Edinburgh</i>	Town of <i>Edinburgh</i>	Village or Hamlet of					
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE.	HOUSES In- habited (A) or Building (B)	NAME and Surname of each Person.	RELATION to Head of Family.	CON- DITION.	AGE of Males Females	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION.	WHERE BORN.	Whether 1. Dead and Buried. 2. Blind. 3. Inebriate or Idiot. 4. Lunatic.	Number of Children (reg- istered names ex- cluding illegiti- mate & born at home).	Persons with Guns or Sigs- tars.
<i>2519</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Thomas Seleraif</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>Dairyman</i>	<i>Westbury Wiltshire</i>		<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>
			<i>Agnes</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>36</i>		<i>Edinburgh</i>			
			<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Scholar</i>	<i>do</i>			
			<i>John</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>			
			<i>Robert</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>			
			<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>			

1871 census entry for Thomas Selcraig and his family

- B. Bridget records all of the information on the family and the source information.
- C. Bridget then searches other censuses to find additional siblings and any other information about the family. She records this information and the source information so that she can refer to it later if needed.

Address		Names		Relationships	Age	Occupation	Where born	
Page 2		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the						
Civil Parish of		Quoad sacra Parish of	School Board District of	Parliamentary Burgh of	Royal Burgh of	Police Burgh of	Town of	
South Leith		Edinburgh	Edinburgh	Edinburgh				
No. of Schedule.	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE.	HOUSES In- habited. (A) or Building (B).	NAME and Surname of each Person.	RELATION to Head of Family.	CON- DITION as to Marriage.	AGE (last Birthday) Males Females.	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION.	WHERE BORN.
6	5 Balton Hill	1	Thomas Seleraif	Head	Mar	42	Bank Watchman	Pipeshire
			Agnes do	Wife	Mar	46		Edinburgh
			Thomas do	Son	Unm	15	Blacksmiths Apprentice	do
			Sarah do	Sister		7	Scholar	do
			Helen do	do		5	do	do
			Mary do	do		3	do	do
			Sarah Edwards	Sister in law		41	Housemaid	do

1881 census entry for Thomas Selcraig and his family



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## Example

### 4. Find the marriage records of your ancestor's parents in civil registration.

(See "Civil Registration: Marriage" on page 21.)

- A. Using information from Thomas's birth record, Bridget searches for the marriage certificate for Thomas's parents in 1858, following the same process that she used to find the marriage certificate for Thomas in 1891 (see step 1 on page 5). She prints a copy of the marriage certificate.

Marriage date and place		Thomas's parents			Thomas's grandparents			
1858. MARRIAGES in the District of <i>Edinburgh</i> in the Parish of <i>Edinburgh</i>								
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	
No.	When, where, and how Married.	Signatures of Parties.	Age.	Residence.	Rank or Profession, and Condition, (whether Bachelor or Widower, Spinster or Widow.) Relationship of Parties (if any.)	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signatures of Officiating Minister and Witnesses.	If irregular, date of Erection of Sentence of Conviction, or Decree of Divorcement, and in what Court pronounced.
80	<i>On the 7th day of June 1858 at Edinburgh</i>	<i>Thomas Selcraig</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Edinburgh Place</i>	<i>Letter Carrier</i>	<i>John Selcraig, Farmer, Edinburgh</i> <i>Agnes Edwards, Spinster, Edinburgh</i>	<i>John Selcraig</i> <i>Agnes Edwards</i>	
	<i>Marriage officiated by</i>	<i>John Edwards</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Edinburgh</i>	<i>Officiating Minister</i>	<i>John Selcraig</i> <i>Agnes Edwards</i>	<i>John Selcraig</i> <i>Agnes Edwards</i>	
<i>Edinburgh, on the 7th day of June, 1858. Andrew Macgregor, Registrar.</i>								

1858 marriage certificate for Thomas Selcraig and Agnes Edwards

- B. Bridget records the following information: (1) the marriage information for Thomas's parents, (2) Thomas's grandparents' names, (3) residence and occupations of Thomas's parents, and (4) source information.

For information on submitting names for temple ordinances, see *A Member's Guide to Temple and Family History Work*.

# THE RESEARCH PROCESS

## Example

**Family Group Record**

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Write date as: 4 Oct. 1896

Write place as: Tryon, Polk, North Carolina, USA or  
St. Martins, Birmingham, Warwick, Eng.

<b>Husband</b> Given name(s) <i>Thomas</i>		Last name <i>Selcraig</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
Born (day month year) <i>Abt 1833</i>	Place <i>Fife, Scotland</i>	LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
Christened	Place	Baptized			
Died	Place	Endowed			
Buried	Place	Sealed to parents			
Married <i>4 June 1858</i>	Place <i>Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland</i>	Sealed to spouse			
Husband's father Given name(s) <i>Willis</i>		Last name <i>Selcraig</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Husband's mother Given name(s) <i>Elizabeth</i>		Maiden name <i>Henderson</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
<b>Wife</b> Given name(s) <i>Agnes</i>		Maiden name <i>Edwards</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
Born (day month year) <i>Abt 1835</i>	Place <i>Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland</i>	LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
Christened	Place	Baptized			
Died	Place	Endowed			
Buried	Place	Sealed to parents			
Wife's father Given name(s) <i>John</i>		Last name <i>Edwards</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Wife's mother Given name(s) <i>Elizabeth</i>		Maiden name <i>Selcraig</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
<b>Children</b> List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates	
				Temple	
1	Sex <i>F</i>	Given name(s) <i>Elizabeth</i>	Last name <i>Selcraig</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year) <i>Abt 1861</i>	Place <i>Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland</i>	Baptized		
	Christened	Place	Endowed		
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents		
	Spouse Given name(s)	Last name			
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		
2	Sex <i>F</i>	Given name(s) <i>Jessie</i>	Last name <i>Selcraig</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year) <i>Abt 1863</i>	Place <i>Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland</i>	Baptized		
	Christened	Place	Endowed		
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents		
	Spouse Given name(s)	Last name			
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		
3	Sex <i>M</i>	Given name(s) <i>George</i>	Last name <i>Selcraig</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year) <i>Abt 1865</i>	Place <i>Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland</i>	Baptized		
	Christened	Place	Endowed		
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents		
	Spouse Given name(s)	Last name			
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		
Select <b>only one</b> of the following options. The option you select applies to all names on this form.			Your name		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 1—Family File</b> Send all names to my family file at the _____ Temple.			Address		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 2—Temple File</b> Send all names to any temple, and assign proxies for all approved ordinances.					
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 3—Ancestral File</b> Send all names to the computerized Ancestral File for research purposes only, not for ordinances. I am including the required pedigree chart.					
			Phone (      )		Date prepared

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Front of family group record. Bridget added the information she found for Thomas Selcraig and his family.

# THE RESEARCH PROCESS

## Example

Page      of					
<b>Husband</b> Given name(s) <i>Thomas</i>		Last name <i>Selcraig</i>			
<b>Wife</b> Given name(s) <i>Agnes</i>		Maiden name <i>Edwards</i>			
<b>Children</b> List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.					<div>LDS ordinance dates</div> <div>Temple</div>
4	Sex <i>M</i>	Given name(s) <i>Thomas</i>	Last name <i>Selcraig</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
		Born (day month year) <i>27 Jul 1866</i>	Place <i>Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland</i>	Baptized	
		Christened	Place	Endowed	
		Died	Place	Sealed to parents	
		Spouse Given name(s) <i>Helen</i>	Last name <i>Wilson</i>		
		Married <i>30 Dec 1890</i>	Place <i>Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland</i>	Sealed to spouse	
5	Sex <i>F</i>	Given name(s) <i>Sarah</i>	Last name <i>Selcraig</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
		Born (day month year) <i>abt 1874</i>	Place <i>Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland</i>	Baptized	
		Christened	Place	Endowed	
		Died	Place	Sealed to parents	
		Spouse Given name(s)	Last name		
		Married	Place	Sealed to spouse	
6	Sex <i>F</i>	Given name(s) <i>Helen</i>	Last name <i>Selcraig</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
		Born (day month year) <i>abt 1876</i>	Place <i>Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland</i>	Baptized	
		Christened	Place	Endowed	
		Died	Place	Sealed to parents	
		Spouse Given name(s)	Last name		
		Married	Place	Sealed to spouse	
7	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
		Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized	
		Christened	Place	Endowed	
		Died	Place	Sealed to parents	
		Spouse Given name(s)	Last name		
		Married	Place	Sealed to spouse	
<b>Other marriages</b> List other marriages and sealings of the husband, wife, and children on this form. List any necessary explanations.					
<b>Sources of information</b> Add further information on attached sheets as necessary.					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Civil registration marriage records, South Leith, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland, <a href="http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk">www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk</a>, 692/01, 1858, for Thomas Selcraig and Agnes Edwards.</li> <li>1871 census, St. Andrew District, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland, <a href="http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk">www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk</a>, 689/02 for Thomas Selcraig.</li> <li>Civil registration birth records, St. Andrew District, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland, <a href="http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk">www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk</a>, 685/02 0608, 1866, for Thomas Selcraig.</li> <li>Civil registration marriage records, St. Andrew District, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland, <a href="http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk">www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk</a>, 685/02 0012, 1891, for Thomas Selcraig and Helen Wilson.</li> </ol>					
<b>Note:</b> Please take every reasonable step to see that the information on this form is as accurate and complete as practical. This will help maintain the integrity of Church family history files and reduce duplication of temple ordinance work.					

Back of family group record. Bridget added the information she found for Thomas Selcraig and his family.

# THE RESEARCH PROCESS

## Summary

### Finding a Scottish Family, 1855–1901

1. Find information about your ancestor's birthplace and parents' names.

A. Civil registration (marriage or death certificate)

- Look for a marriage or death certificate of your ancestor.
- This verifies what you know and gives you parents' names.
- Print a copy of what you find.
- Record the information, including source information.

B. Census

- Look for the first census following your ancestor's marriage or birth.
- Print a copy of what you find.
- Record the information, including source information.
- Estimate birth years from the ages.

2. Find your ancestor's birth certificate in civil registration records.

- This verifies the information you found in the marriage or death certificate and the census. It can also give additional information about your ancestor's parents.
- Record the information, including source information.

3. Find your ancestor with his or her parents and brothers and sisters in a census.

- Look for the first census following your ancestor's birth.
- Look in earlier and later censuses to see if there are other family members.
- Record the information, including source information.
- Estimate birth years from the ages.

4. Find the marriage certificate for your ancestor's parents in civil registration records.

- This verifies the information you found on the birth certificate. It can also give information about your ancestor's grandparents.
- Record the information, including source information.

### What's Next

Follow the same steps to look for the families of each of your ancestor's parents.

If you cannot find your ancestor using this research process, contact FamilySearch Support for research help at: [fhl@familysearch.org](mailto:fhl@familysearch.org)



# FINDING PLACES

To search civil registration and census records, you need to know the parish and county in Scotland where your ancestor lived. When researching in large cities, it is helpful to know the civil registration district.

## Place Levels

Places are usually written from smallest to largest on family group records, including parish, county, and country.

Liberton, Midlothian, Scotland  
(Parish) (County) (Country)

When in a large city, the city should be listed along with the parish.

Edinburgh St. Andrew, Midlothian, Scotland  
(City and parish) (County) (Country)

Records may have been kept at any of these place levels.

## Parish for Church Records and Census

- A parish is the area (jurisdiction) where a Church of Scotland minister served and kept records. The parish is usually named for the largest town in it.
- To find birth, marriage, and death records or census records, it is helpful to know the parish where your ancestor lived.

## District for Civil Registration

- In rural areas, a district is normally the same as the parish. In large cities, districts may have parts of several parishes in them.
- Knowing the district where your ancestor lived will help you search civil registration records.

## County

- Scotland is divided into 33 counties.
- Knowing the county in which your ancestor lived can help you identify your ancestor when he or she has the same name as someone in another county.

## Tips

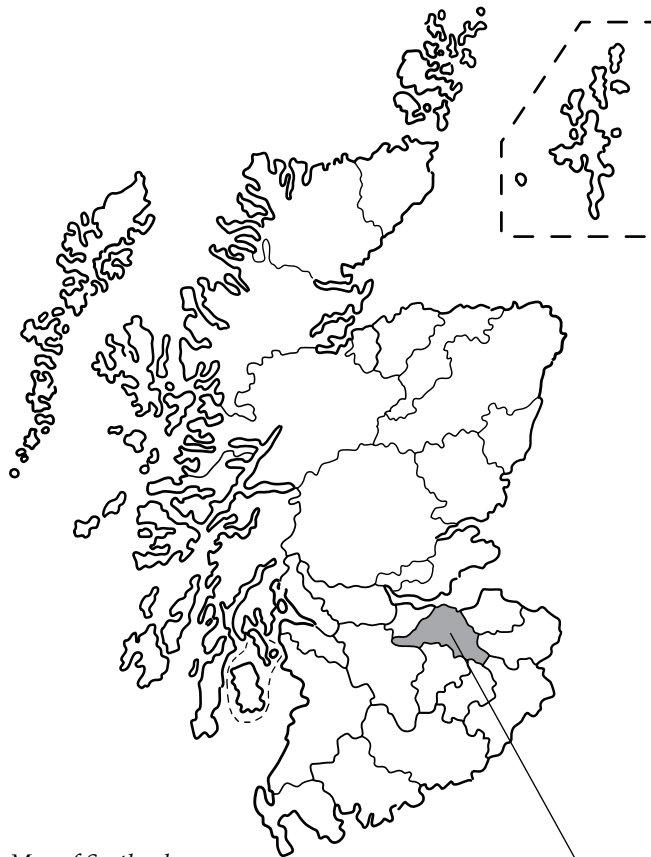
To find information about the place your ancestor lived, look in the Gazetteer of Scottish Places at: [http://www.scan.org.uk/knowledgebase/search/gazetteer\\_indexnew.asp](http://www.scan.org.uk/knowledgebase/search/gazetteer_indexnew.asp)

## Changes to County Names

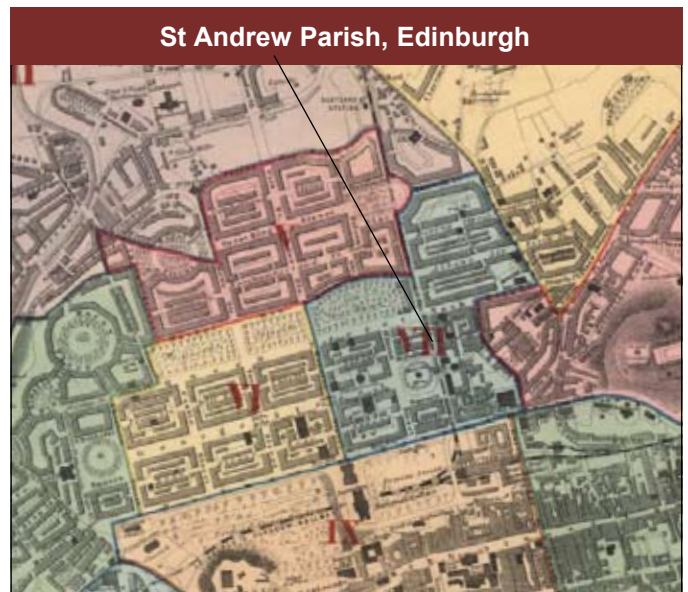
Since the late 1800s, the names of five counties in Scotland have changed. They are listed below:

<i>Current name</i>	<i>Old name</i>
Midlothian	Edinburghshire (changed in 1889)
Moray	Elginshire (changed in 1918)
Angus	Forfarshire (changed in 1928)
East Lothian	Haddingtonshire (changed in 1921)
West Lothian	Linlithgowshire (changed in 1924)

# FINDING PLACES



Map of Scotland



St Andrew Parish, Edinburgh

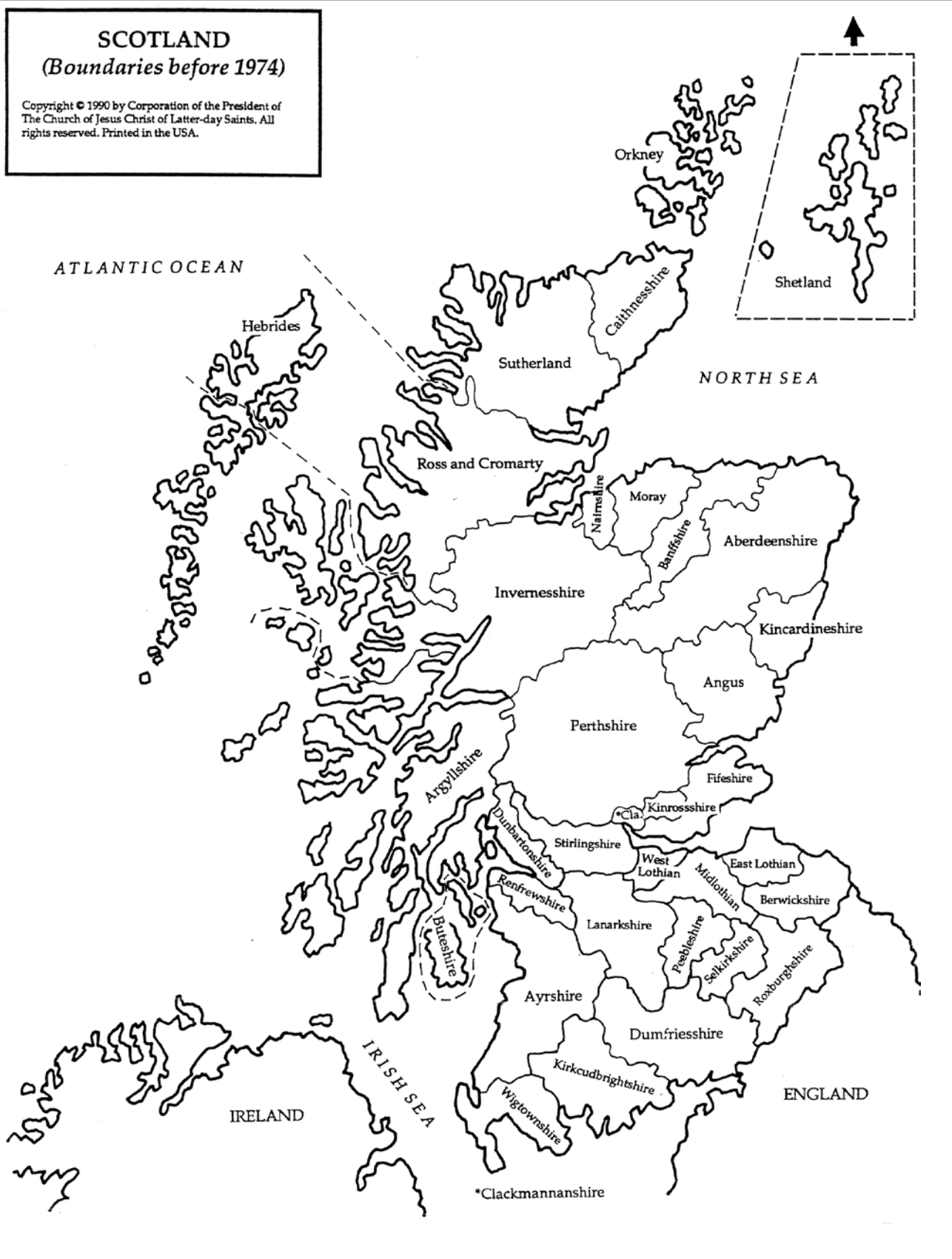
City of Edinburgh with parishes, used with permission from the National Library of Scotland



## MIDLOTHIAN

Parishes of Midlothian

# FINDING PLACES



# RECORDS

This section gives details about locating and using each record described in the research process.

## Record Time Line

The chart below shows the time period covered by each of the records described in this guide. It also gives page numbers where you can find more information about locating and using each record.

	1840	1860	1880	1900	1920	1940	1960	1980	2000	Present
<b>Census</b> See pages 17–18										
<b>Civil Registration: Birth</b> See page 19										
<b>Civil Registration: Death</b> See page 20										
<b>Civil Registration: Marriage</b> See page 21										



# CENSUS

1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901

## Use Census Records To:

- Learn the birthplace and age of your ancestor.
- Find information about family members and other members of the household.
- Establish a time and place of a family's residence.

Beginning in 1801, national censuses were taken in Scotland every 10 years, except in 1941. The censuses before 1841 were mainly statistical, and most of them do not exist today. The 1841 census was the first census with genealogical information. A census must be 100 years old before it may be open to the public, so the 1901 census is the most recent one available.

## CONTENT

- Names
- Ages (In the 1841 census only, the ages are rounded down to a multiple of five for those over the age of 15.)
- Relationships (beginning with the 1851 census)
- Birthplaces (beginning with the 1851 census)
- Occupations
- Address

## Tips

- Households include the people who resided in the house on the night before the census was taken.
- Locate an individual in as many censuses as you can. This helps you verify information, and it may lead you to other family members.
- The census does not list children who were born and died between censuses.
- Census information may be incorrect.
- Widows and married women sometimes used their maiden names on the census.
- Look for large gaps in the ages of children, because they may indicate missing children (such as children who have died or are living with relatives, attending boarding school, working away from home, and so on).
- If you do not find your ancestor in a census in a particular parish, look in nearby parishes.
- Look at the census entries of your ancestor's neighbors. Family members, including siblings or parents, could be living next door or a few houses away.
- On most censuses each person's relationship to the head of the household is given. The relationship does not necessarily apply to other members of the household. For example, a child who is listed as a son may not be a son of the wife of the head of household or a sibling to the other children listed in the household.
- The terms *daughter-in-law* and *son-in-law* sometimes referred to step-children, not spouses of children.

# CENSUS

1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901

Address		Name	Relation	Age	Occupation	Where born		
Page 2		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the						
Civil Parish of <i>South Leith</i>		<del>Quondam Parish of</del>	School Board District of <i>Edinburgh</i>	Parliamentary Burgh of <i>Edinburgh</i>	<del>Royal Burgh of</del>	<del>Police Burgh of</del>		
No. of Schedule.	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE.	HOUSES In- habited (A) or Building (B)	NAME and Surname of each Person.	RELATION to Head of Family.	CONDITION as to Marriage.	AGE (last Birthday) Males Females.	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION.	WHERE BORN.
6	5 <i>Balton Hill</i>	1	<i>Thomas Selcraig</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>Bank Watchman</i>	<i>Pipeheadie</i>
			<i>Agnes do</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>46</i>		<i>Edinburgh</i>
			<i>Thomas do</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Blacksmiths apprentice</i>	<i>do</i>
			<i>Larah do</i>	<i>Saur</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Scholar</i>	<i>do</i>
			<i>Helen do</i>	<i>do</i>		<i>5</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
			<i>Mary do</i>	<i>do</i>		<i>3</i>		<i>do</i>
			<i>Larah Edwards</i>	<i>Sister in Law</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>Machinist</i>	<i>do</i>

1881 census entry for Thomas Selcraig and his family

## Searching Censuses

Before searching this record, you must know:

- Your ancestor's name.
- The parish or district where your ancestor was living at the time of the census.

It would also be helpful to know:

- Your ancestor's age.
- Other family members' names and ages.

This record is located at:

[www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

Search by your ancestor's name.

## 1855 to the Present

- Find your ancestor's birth information.
- Establish a time and place of residence.
- Find the names of your ancestor's parents.
- Find marriage information for your ancestor's parents.

- Sometimes the mother's previous married name was listed as the maiden surname.
- Always note the informant and his or her relationship to the child. The informant may be a grandparent, aunt, or uncle, and this information may provide clues for further research.

CONTENT	1855	1856–1860	1861–present
Full name and sex of child	X	X	X
Date, time, and place of birth	X	X	X
Father's name and occupation	X	X	X
Father's age and birthplace	X		
Mother's name, including former names	X	X	X
Mother's age and birthplace	X		
Usual residence of parents	X		
Parents' marriage date and place	X		X
Number of the parents' other children and their sex (also specifies whether the children are living or dead)	X		
Informant's name and relationship to the child (if any)	X	X	X
Informant's usual residence		X	X

- Your ancestor's name.
- The date or approximate date of the birth.
- The place or approximate place of the birth.

Knowing the parents' names is also helpful.

[www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk)

**Search by** your ancestor's name.

Name	Birth date and place	Parents' names, occupation, and marriage date and place			Informant	
1866. BIRTHS in the District of St Andrew in the Burgh of Edinburgh						
(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	
No.	Name and Surname.	When and Where Born.	Sex.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother. Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
608	Thomas	1866	M.	Thomas Selcraig	Thomas Selcraig	1866
	Selcraig	July		Butcher-General	Father	August 13 <sup>th</sup>
		Twenty seventh		Post Office Edinburgh	Resident	21 Edinburgh
		3 to 5 pm AM		Agnes Selcraig		
		10 Calton		M. S. Edwards		
	St. Hill		1857	John		St Giles Medical Registrar

*Birth certificate for Thomas Selcraig*

# CIVIL REGISTRATION: DEATH

## 1855 to the Present

### Use Death Certificates To:

- Find your ancestor's death information.
- Establish a time and place of residence.
- Find the names of your ancestor's parents.

### Tips

- Always note the informant. He or she may be a family member, and his or her address may suggest another locality to search for information.
- The certificate often indicates whether or not the parents of the deceased person are living.

### CONTENT

	1855	1856–1860	1861–1966	1967–present
Full name and occupation	X	X	X	X
Date, time, and place of death	X	X	X	X
Age	X	X	X	X
Marital status		X		
Usual residence if different than place of death	X	X	X	X
Parents' names (including mother's former names) and whether deceased	X	X	X	X
Cause of death and name of medical attendant	X	X	X	X
Burial place and undertaker's name	X	X	X	X
Name of spouse	X		X	X
Names of children and their ages (or, if deceased, their age at death)	X			
Informant's name, signature, and relationship (if any)	X	X	X	X
Date of birth				X

Name	Date	Age	Parents' names	Burial place
1860. DEATHS in the District of Saint Andrew in the Parish of Edinburgh				
(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)
No. Surname and Name. (Rank or Profession, and Condition, whether Married or Single, Widower or Widow.)	When and where Died, with Hour of Death.	Sex.	Age.	Parents' Names, and Rank, Profession, or Occupation.
330 Selcraig John	1860 June First 11h 55m PM 35 Leith	M 5 months	Thomas Selcraig, Embroider as certified by R. Bruce 102. Agnes Selcraig, who was deceased	Edinburgh as certified by Edinburgh Edinburgh Present

1860 death certificate of Thomas Selcraig's brother John

### Searching Death Certificates

Before searching this record, you must know:

- Your ancestor's name.
  - The date or approximate date of death.
  - The place or approximate place of death.
- Knowing the spouse's name can also be helpful.

This record is located at:

[www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

Search by your ancestor's name.



# CIVIL REGISTRATION: MARRIAGE

1855 to the Present

## Use Marriage Certificates To:

- Find your ancestor's marriage information.
- Establish a time and place of residence.
- Find the names of your ancestor's parents.

## Tips

- It is important to look at all the information on the certificate.
- Always note the witnesses. They are often family members and can be a clue for further research.
- The certificate often indicates if the parents of the bride or groom are deceased.
- The address of the bride or groom might lead to other localities to check for records.
- The occupation may help you identify the bride or groom when checking other records.

CONTENT	1855	1856–present
Full names of the bride and groom	X	X
The bride's and groom's marital status, age, occupation, and usual residences, and their relationship to each other (if any)	X	X
2nd or 3rd marriage and any children by former marriages, living or deceased	X	X
Birthplaces of the bride and groom	X	
Fathers' names, occupations, and whether deceased	X	X
Mothers' names (including former names) and whether deceased	X	X
Name of person who married them	X	X
Names and addresses of witnesses	X	X

## Searching Marriage Certificates

Before searching this record, you must know:

- Your ancestor's name.
- The date or approximate date of the marriage.
- The place or approximate place of the marriage.

Knowing the spouse's name is also helpful.

This record is located at:

[www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

Search by your ancestor's name.

Marriage date		Names		Address		Parents	
(Page 6.)							
91. MARRIAGES in the Parish of St. Andrew in the Burgh of Edinburgh							
No.	When, Where, and How Married.	Signatures of Parties. Rank or Profession, Whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signatures of officiating Minister and Witnesses. If irregular, Date of Conviction, Decree of Declarator, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
12	1891. on the 14th day of August at St. James Square Edinburgh	signed, Thomas Selcraig Helen Wilson Bachelor	24	14 Glen Hill Edinburgh	Thomas Selcraig Bank Watchman Agnes Selcraig Miss Edwards	signed W. H. Gray M.D. Miss Robertson Miss Bethune	1891. January 7th At Edinburgh

Marriage certificate of Thomas Selcraig and Helen Wilson

# ADDITIONAL HELPS

This section provides tips and other resources you may find helpful as you search Scottish records.

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## Naming Customs in Scotland

The Scottish people often followed the naming pattern listed below when they named their children.

The first son was named after the father's father.

The second son was named after the mother's father.

The third son was named after the father.

The first daughter was named after the mother's mother.

The second daughter was named after the father's mother.

The third daughter was named after the mother.

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## Time Line

- 1801 First national census in Scotland was taken (containing mainly statistical information). The census was taken every 10th year after that.
- 1841 First national census of genealogical value that survives was taken.
- 1851 First national census to give exact ages, relationships, and birthplaces was taken.
- 1855 Government registration of births, marriages, and deaths, known as civil registration, began.

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## More about Scottish Research

*Research Outline: Scotland* (32960) describes records for more advanced searches (see "Where to Order Family History Library Publications," on page 23).

Cory, Kathleen B. *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry*. 2nd ed. Edinburgh: Polygon, 1996. ISBN 0806315342 (FHL book 941 D27c)

Sinclair, Cecil. *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors: A Guide to Ancestry Research in the Scottish Record Office*. Edinburgh: HMSO, 1990. ISBN 0114941181 (FHL book 941 D27s)

Steel, D. J. *Sources for Scottish Genealogy and Family History*. National Index of Parish Registers Volume 12. London: Phillimore, 1970. ISBN 900592524 (FHL book 942 D27ste v. 12)

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## Archives and Libraries

Below are some of the main archives and libraries where you may find Scottish records.

Family History Library  
35 N. West Temple Street, Room 344  
Salt Lake City, UT 84150-3440  
Phone: 1-801-240-2331  
[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)  
E-mail: [fhl@ldschurch.org](mailto:fhl@ldschurch.org)

*Note:* Most records at the Family History Library are also available through a family history center. To find a family history center near you:

1. Go to [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).
2. In the area titled Find a Family History Center Near Your Home, enter the state or country where you live, and click **OK**.

Family history societies  
[www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk)  
[www.genfair.com](http://www.genfair.com)

General Register Office  
New Register House  
3 West Register Street  
Edinburgh EH1 3YT  
Scotland  
Phone: 011-44-131-334-0380  
Fax: 011-44-131-314-4400

[www.gro-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk)  
[www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)  
(Searchable Web site for civil registration and census records)  
E-mail: [records@gro-scotland.gov.uk](mailto:records@gro-scotland.gov.uk)

# ADDITIONAL HELPS

## Where to Order Family History Library Publications

- On the Internet at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)
- Salt Lake Distribution Services  
Phone: 1-800-537-5971 (toll free in the United States and Canada)  
TTY: 1-801-240-6149
- British Isles Family History Support Office  
185 Penns Lane  
Sutton Coldfield  
West Midlands B76 1JU  
England  
Phone: 0121-384-2028  
Fax: 0121-382-5948

All Family History Library publications are described in the *Family History Materials List* (34083).

## Other publications you may need

For Latter-day Saints:

*A Member's Guide to Temple and Family History Work* (34697) includes instructions for submitting names for temple ordinances.

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## Family Group Record

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<b>Husband</b> Given name(s)			Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
Born (day month year)	Place			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Christened	Place			Baptized	
Died	Place			Endowed	
Buried	Place			Sealed to parents	
Married	Place			Sealed to spouse	
Husband's father Given name(s)			Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Husband's mother Given name(s)			Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
<b>Wife</b> Given name(s)			Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
Born (day month year)	Place			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Christened	Place			Baptized	
Died	Place			Endowed	
Buried	Place			Sealed to parents	
Wife's father Given name(s)			Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Wife's mother Given name(s)			Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
<b>Children</b> List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>1</b>	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place			Baptized
	Christened	Place			Endowed
	Died	Place			Sealed to parents
	Spouse Given name(s)		Last name		
	Married	Place			Sealed to spouse
<b>2</b>	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place			Baptized
	Christened	Place			Endowed
	Died	Place			Sealed to parents
	Spouse Given name(s)		Last name		
	Married	Place			Sealed to spouse
<b>3</b>	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place			Baptized
	Christened	Place			Endowed
	Died	Place			Sealed to parents
	Spouse Given name(s)		Last name		
	Married	Place			Sealed to spouse
Select <b>only one</b> of the following options. The option you select applies to all names on this form.			Your name		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 1—Family File</b> Send all names to my family file at the _____ Temple.			Address		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 2—Temple File</b> Send all names to any temple, and assign proxies for all approved ordinances.					
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 3—Ancestral File</b> Send all names to the computerized Ancestral File for research purposes only, not for ordinances. I am including the required pedigree chart.					
			Phone (      )		Date prepared



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<b>Husband</b> Given name(s)		Last name	
<b>Wife</b> Given name(s)		Maiden name	
<b>Children</b> List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates Temple
<b>4</b>	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized
	Christened	Place	Endowed
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents
	Spouse Given name(s)	Last name	
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse
<b>5</b>	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized
	Christened	Place	Endowed
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents
	Spouse Given name(s)	Last name	
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse
<b>6</b>	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized
	Christened	Place	Endowed
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents
	Spouse Given name(s)	Last name	
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse
<b>7</b>	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized
	Christened	Place	Endowed
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents
	Spouse Given name(s)	Last name	
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse

**Other marriages** List other marriages and sealings of the husband, wife, and children on this form. List any necessary explanations.

**Sources of information** Add further information on attached sheets as necessary.

**Note:** Please take every reasonable step to see that the information on this form is as accurate and complete as practical. This will help maintain the integrity of Church family history files and reduce duplication of temple ordinance work.

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